Uttar Pradesh, the National Highways are being maintained in a traffic worthy condition subject to availability of funds.

(b) The link road between Jaighan and Fulesh falling on Khetasarai to Saraimir main road (Azamgarh, U.P.) is not a part of National Highway. As such Central Governrnent is not responsible for its maintenance.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Cess on Petrol and Diesel

3101. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has proposed levy of an additional cess on petrol and diesel to bridge the shortfall in funding the National Highways Development Project;

(b) if so, the shortfall reported in funding of the National Highways Development Project during the last three years;

(c) the revenue earned as cess from petrol and diesel during the last three years; and

(d) the details of the investments made by Government out of the cess collected during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has proposed to levy an additional cess of 30 paise per litre on petrol and diesel for funding of second phase of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP).

(b) There has not been any shortfall in the funding for implementation of NHDP Phase-I during the last three years.

(c) and (d) As per information received from Ministry of Finance a total amount of Rs. 13,789.8 crores was collected as cess during the last three years upto November, 2001. The investments made from cess during

the same period for development of National Highways and State Roads (other than rural roads) are as below:—

Sl. No.	Year	Investments (Rs. in crores)	
		National Highways	State Roads
1.	1999-2000	1900	—
2.	2000-2001	1800	990
3.	2001-2002	2100	1062

Driving training school in Karnataka

3102. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to provide infrastructure facilities for setting up Regional Training Institute and Modern Drivers Training Institute has been submitted by the Government of Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the present stage of consideration of the proposal and by when the approval and release of funds be expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDUR]: (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The proposal of Karnataka along with ten other States are under examination. The process of the scrutiny of the proposal and sanction of the eligible proposals is expected to be completed by March, 2003.

Comprehensive policy package for SSIs

3103. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive policy package has been announced for Small Scale Sector;

(b) if so, the details of the initiatives that have been announced;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for implementing the package; and